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SUPPORT COMPREHENSIVE ELECTION REFORM LEGISLATION
COSPONSOR THE EQUAL PROTECTION OF VOTING RIGHTS ACT

Dear Democratic Colleague:

Today, the Democratic Election Reform Task Force, led by Chairwoman Maxine Waters, is releasing a groundbreaking election reform report which calls for minimum national voting rights standards for election machinery and procedures.

I wholeheartedly agree that we need minimum national voting rights standards to ensure that every eligible voter can cast a ballot and have that vote counted. To that end, I have introduced legislation, along with Democratic Leader Gephardt, Senate Majority Leader Daschle, and Senator Chris Dodd, that would set such standards. H.R. 1170/S. 565, the "Equal Protection of Voting Rights Act" has over 200 cosponsors (161 House, 51 Senate) and is the only bill supported by every major civil rights and labor organization.

If you would like to become a cosponsor of this bill or have any questions, please contact Michone Johnson or Ted Kalo at 5-6906.

Sincerely,

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Ranking Member
House Judiciary Committee